

Studies for Restitution

Whom the heaven must receive
until the times of restitution of all things,
which God hath spoken by the mouth of
all his holy prophets since the world began.
Acts 3:21

THE FAITH OF JESUS

Study to show thyself approved unto God,
a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth.
2 Timothy 2:15

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Romans 5:1” Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:”

We are justified by faith through Christ.

Romans 4:5 “But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.”

To be justified is to be accounted as righteous. (This is righteousness by faith)

Q. If Christ is our righteousness, can we claim this by faith and continue to wilfully sin?

A. Romans 6:6, 18, 22.

So this righteousness will take the place of our sins.

Q. What does God want to do with our sins?

A. Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

God wants to cleanse us. Crimson and white as snow are complete opposites. Our sins, no matter how deep the colour, will be made white as snow.

Isaiah 1:19 “If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:”

But we must be willing and obedient. We must choose, and then obey. Often many of us have not really made the choice.

Isaiah 44:22 “I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.”

Our redemption price is paid by the death of Christ, and the Lord calls us to ‘return unto me’. Our transgressions are gone, blotted out.

Isaiah 44:23 “...for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.”

Q. Who is this Israel that God is calling to return?

Q. Whose sins have been blotted out?

Q. And in who will the Lord be glorified?

A. Micah 7:18 “Who [is] a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of **the remnant** of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth [in] mercy.”

God is going to pass by the sins of the remnant.

He is going to take their sins from them and cast them into the depths of the sea.

This is God’s promise.

He will have a people, a remnant, that keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus, and He will be glorified in them.

This promise is for us, if we are willing and obedient.
Hebrews 10:37, 38. *This is all by faith.*

Ephesians 5:9. *The Spirit brings the fruit of righteousness into the life.*

Q. How do we receive the Spirit?

A. Luke 9:9-13. *We must ask.*

Q. How must we ask?

A. James 1:6. “But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.”

Galatians 3:13, 14. *Notice again we (gentiles) receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*

Q. What is the blessing of Abraham?

A. Romans 4:19-22. *It is righteousness by faith.*

Romans 4: 23, 24. *This is what we read in Galatians 3:13, 14. The promises were not written for Abraham’s sake alone, but for us also.*

That the blessing of Abraham (righteousness by faith) might come unto the gentiles through Jesus Christ.

Q. How did Abraham receive righteousness?

A. By faith. *(Believing the promises of God).*

Q. How do we receive righteousness?

A. By faith.

Romans 5:1. *We receive the promise by faith and have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Romans 5:2 *The promise is by God’s grace, which we access by faith.*

So the grace of God, His mercy, forgiveness, His gifts, are all received by faith. So we stand and rejoice in the hope in sharing in the glory of God.

Romans 5:5 “And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”

Romans 5:6 *God gave His Son when man was at enmity toward Him, because He loved them.*

Romans 9:3. *Paul had the love of God in his heart. He was willing to give himself for his kinsmen (who were at enmity toward him).*

Exodus 32:32. *Moses also.*

We need the love of God in our hearts.

Ephesians 3:14. *This is also Paul’s prayer for us.*

Ephesians 3:16 *That we may be partakers of His glory, strengthened by His Spirit.*

Ephesians 3:17 *That Christ may dwell in our heart by faith, being rooted and grounded in love (God’s love).*

Remember Romans 9:3. Paul is speaking from experience of what Christ did in his life.

Ephesians 3:19 *To know the love of Christ (that can never be fully known), that ye might be filled with the fullness of God.*

Q. Was Christ filled with the fullness of God?

A. Colossians 2:9; 1:19.

When we let Christ dwell in our hearts we can confess with the beloved disciple.

John 1:16 “And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.”

Ephesians 3:19 *This could be the strongest statement in the Bible.*

Q. How can anyone define the fullness of God?

Q. Why does inspiration make such a statement?

Ephesians 3:20 *The power of God (that worketh in us) is limited according to the measure of our faith.*

God wants us to believe (by faith) that we can be filled with all His fullness, that He can recreate us into His image.

Q. Why should we believe any less?

Q. How will God be glorified in His people if they doubt His promises?

Luke 8:43-48.

Q. Why did He not say before this, who touched Him?

Q. What was different about this touch?

A. It was the touch of faith, and drew virtue from Him. Faith reached out to Christ.

Luke 6:19. *And His virtue (Greek = Dunamis 1411 = miraculous power) comes to all who reach out to bring healing. This power comes to us in answer to our faith. As our faith grows, so too the power that works within us.*

Dear friends, before probation closes, we will need to have the faith of Jesus.

Daniel 12:1 *For at that time, the worst since there was a nation.*

It will be said of God's people,

Revelation 14:12 "Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

May we be able to confess with Paul,

2 Timothy 4:7 "...I have kept the faith:"

Because,

2 Timothy 1:12 "For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: **for I know whom I have believed**, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

Amen

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